

*Welcome to the
Bergthaler Mennonite Church
of Altona*



Sunday, May 8, 2022

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Worship Service

May 8, 2022, 10:30 am

“Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”

- Acts 9:3-5

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome and announcements

Music - **God is here among us HWB 16**

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Music **God of grace and God of glory HWB 366**

LISTENING

Music **Today Earth Is Singing VT 510**

Children’s Story

Scripture Reading: **Acts 9:1-19a**

Sermon **“(No longer) Blinded by the Light”**

RESPONDING

Music **Saviour, like a shepherd lead us HWB 355**

Prayer for the offering, the church, and the world

SENDING

Benediction

Music **I stand amazed in the presence HWB 528**

Sermon: Josh Janzen Worship Leader/Scripture: Mark Tiessen-Dyck

Music: Glenys Voth Children’s Story: Amanda Wiens

Our worship service will be live-streamed Sunday morning at 10:30am and is available on the church website at [abchurchcommunity.ca]. If using a handheld device [phone/tablet] you may get a message that says “video unavailable”, but if you click on the line “watch this video on YouTube” it will reload and play for you

PRAYER & PRAISE CORNER

- ~ **Hospitalized:** Bernard Wiebe, Anne Dueck at the Altona Health Centre.
- ~ **International Witness:** Mennonite Seoul, a congregation led by Witness workers Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park, met in person for the first time in two years on April 24. Pray for this group of believers as they transition to meeting together after online meetings during the pandemic
- ~ **We wish a happy birthday and God's blessing to:**
- Nicholas Rempel - May 8
 - Ann Enns - May 8
 - Dorothy Braun - May 9
 - Anne Giesbrecht - May 10
 - Lydia Klassen May - 11
 - Harold Sawatzky May - 11
 - Don Fehr - May 13
 - George Giesbrecht - May 14

WORSHIP CALENDAR

- May 8:** Speaker – Josh Janzen
- May 15:** Speaker – Virginia Gerbrandt Richert
- May 22:** Speaker – Mark Tiessen-Dyck
- May 29:** Guest speaker – Louis Sawatzky

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Sunday, May 15 , we will be having a lunch after the worship service in honour of our departing church staff: Don Fehr, Susan Dueck, and Amanda Wiens. We encourage everyone to recognize their contributions by coming to the meal.

Tuesday morning coffee is on! You are welcome to join the church staff in the library on Tuesday mornings at 10 am.

FROM THE PASTOR: Virginia Gerbrandt Richert

In the most recent issue of the Canadian Mennonite (April 18, 2022) there is a focus on books and recourses. They list books under headings such as Theology, Spirituality, and History and include a short review of each book. There are also a few books that are given longer full page reviews. I always appreciate these articles and reviews because they give me ideas for books that I then want to read.

Last fall two books on their list interested me, and since they were both published by Herald Press (which is the trade book imprint of MennoMedia, an agency of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada) they were easy to find and order from Commonword bookstore in Winnipeg. The books were "dear white peacemakers" by Osheta Moore and "How to have an Enemy" by Melissa Florer-Bixler. Both books challenged me in several ways. They pushed me to think about my actions and my words, and how they can reflect my faith in a more Christ-like way. And they encouraged me to ground everything that I do in the knowledge that I am known and loved by God.

I encourage you to check out this list of books and reviews to see what books you might want to add to your reading list this year. You can find the Spring 2022 list here:
<https://canadianmennonite.org/stories/spring-2022-list-books-resources>

Sr Youth and Jr Youth:

Sr. Youth – Tuesday May 10, 7 pm -Lost and Found bible study week 3
Jr. Youth – Wednesday May 11, 7 pm- Games night

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Altona Panthers Special Olympics Club is looking for volunteers! We are hoping to add **regular Monday night volunteers** and we are also in need of a **volunteer head coach**. These volunteer positions should be **someone who is passionate about finding the abilities in our athletes**. As the head coach you provide an opportunity for athletes in Altona to be active and participate in events for all abilities including snowshoeing and track and field. Knowledge in these sports is not required, training is available. Commitment is one Monday per week and taking the required training courses laid out by Sport Manitoba. For more details and/or questions email Shania Ginter at shaniaginter@yahoo.ca.

MCC: Become a virtual farmer and help end global hunger. Sponsor an acre of Manitoba farmland through Grow Hope to provide food and agricultural training for people in places like India and Haiti. Your gift will multiply with every \$1 growing to as much as \$5! Visit mccmb.ca/growhope to learn more and join us.

Mennonite Church Manitoba: May 14, 9 a.m.-noon (ET) (on Zoom) Anneli Loepp Thiessen and Katie Graber will provide background on worship resources in **Voices Together**, and the *Voices Together Worship Leaders'* ed., highlighting uses in worship as well as the styles, cultures, and eras they represent. They will discuss tools for understanding your community's worship culture in order to make intentional, theologically grounded, and spiritually inspired choices about worship practices that respond to your local contexts and dismantle oppression in your communities. No cost required. For more information, and to register, go to www.bentonchurch.org/voices-together-worship-workshop

Mennonite Community Orchestra presents "Living on the Edge" on Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 pm at the Lutheran Church of the Cross in Winnipeg. Visit cmu.ca/events for ticket information as well as the poster in our foyer.